

DNR Warns of Oak Wilt

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources has advised caution to prevent spread of oak wilt disease.

During the months of April through July, oak wilt can be transmitted from diseased to healthy red oak trees.

Oak wilt is a serious disease of oak trees. It mainly affects red oaks, including northern red oak, black oak and pin oak. Red oaks often die within a few weeks after becoming infected. White oaks are more resistant; therefore, the disease progresses more slowly.

You can help prevent oak wilt by not pruning or otherwise 'injuring'

oaks from April 15 to July 15. If an oak is wounded during this critical time, the DNR advises residents to cover the wound immediately with either a tree-wound paint or a latex paint to help keep beetles that move oak wilt away from the injured area.

Although oak wilt hasn't been detected in every Michigan county, the need for vigilance is present statewide.

Visit michigan.gov/dnr for more information on the background, symptoms and prevention of oak wilt. To report a suspected oak wilt site, email DNR-FRD-Forest-Health@michigan.gov or call 517-284-5895.

Door-to-Door Sales

Door-to-door sales and solicitation are permitted in the City of Wyoming, although in most cases businesses and individuals who take part in door-to-door sales require a peddler license from the city clerk's office.

If a door-to-door sales person or solicitor approaches you at home, you may request to see the peddler license. If they can not produce a current license, you may contact the clerk's office at 530.7296 to verify that the company does hold a peddler license. Alternatively, you may contact the Wyoming Police Department at 530.7300.

The City of Wyoming's Code of Ordinances prohibits solicitation of money or other things of value on private property if the occupant has asked the person not to solicit there or has posted a sign saying solicitations are not welcome.

If a peddler is at your home and is threatening, belligerent or won't take "no" for an answer, ask them to leave. If they refuse to leave or do not leave within a reasonable time, call the Wyoming Police Department at 530.7300 or dial 911. Under state law, the peddler could be arrested for trespassing.

Applications for a permit for solicitations must be filed with the city clerk 15 days prior to the commencement of the proposed solicitation. Visit wyomingmi.gov for more information on obtaining a peddler license.

MAYOR'S

Message



The Public Works Open House remains a favorite local event for grown-ups and for kids.

This year, the annual event for Wyoming families will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. on Monday, May 16. Residents are invited to the public works facility at 2260 Burlingame Ave. SW to learn about the services the department of public works offers and to explore the equipment employees use to keep Wyoming safe and clean.

Trucks and construction equipment will be on display for kids to explore. Public Works employees will be grilling hot dogs as well as serving chips and soda to the event attendees. For further information, contact the Public Works Department at 530-7362.

Our City's public works employees work around the clock to maintain the infrastructure that supports daily life. Their work includes maintaining our roads and water systems and performing other public services. Public Works employees manage these operations with the highest consideration for quality, convenience and efficiency.

I hope to see you at this year's Public Works Open house and, as always, I encourage you to be involved and be informed.

Mayor Jack A. Poll

News Briefs

ONLINE BILL PAY

Utility customers can now receive water and sewer bills by e-mail! To sign up, contact the Utility Billing Department at 530-7389.

SEASONAL HIRING

Do you know someone looking for seasonal employment during the upcoming spring and summer seasons? The City of Wyoming is looking for dependable, hard-working seasonal employees in the public works, utilities and parks and recreation departments. Open positions will be posted on the City's website and applications will be accepted online. Visit the City website at wyomingmi.gov or contact the human resources department at 530-7241 for additional information.

WYOMING EMPLOYEE COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Wyoming Employees Community Outreach, or WECO, is a non-profit organization that provides clothing and school supplies for children in need in the City of Wyoming. In 2015, the program served 130 children from 53 local families. To learn more about the program, visit wyomingmi.gov/About/WECO.asp. Local businesses and individuals who are interested in donating an item for the WECO annual auction held in December or who wish to make a general donation can email WECO@wyomingmi.gov or call 261-3582.

PUBLIC SAFETY

A Neighborhood Watch Meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 10th. The meeting will be held at Grand Rapids First Church, 2100 44th St. SW. All Wyoming residents are welcome to attend.

Car seat inspections will be available from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Thursday, May 12 and Thursday, June 9 at Wyoming Fire Station #1, 1500 Burton St. SW. Pre-registration is required. To register, call Safe Kids of Greater Grand Rapids at 391-7233, ext. 2.

KENT DISTRICT LIBRARY

An adult book club is held on the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Conference Room. May's selection is "Brown Girl Dreaming," by Jacqueline Woodson.

Enthusiastic and energetic teen volunteers in grades 6-12 are wanted to join the Summer Reading Teen Crew to help with the summer reading programs at KDL. Fun times are guaranteed and volunteers will receive the added benefit of service experience! Registration is required via a paper application. Applications are available; visit the Wyoming branch for more details. Orientation will be held from 3:30 - 4 p.m. on Wednesday, May 25.

KDL Reads is a two month-long community reading event centered on the books "Brown Girl Dreaming" by Jacqueline Woodson and "Max and the Tag-Along Moon" by Floyd Cooper. Visit kdl.org/kdlreads for more information on events, including An Evening with Jacqueline Woodson. The event will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 26, at Comstock Park High School, 150 Six Mile Rd. NE in Comstock Park. KDL Reads is sponsored by Consumers Energy, the Grand Rapids Community Foundation and generous donations to Kent District Library.

For further details on these and the library's many other programs, stop in the to pick up a program guide, visit the website at kdl.org or call 784-2007.

Telephone Numbers

Mayor's Office	530-7227
City Manager.....	530-3173
City Clerk	530-7296
Police Department.....	530-7300
Fire Department	530-7250
Public Works	530-7260
Utilities	261-3550
Planning & Community Development.....	530-7258
Parks & Recreation.....	530-3164
Building Inspections.....	530-7285
Assessor	530-7231
District Court.....	257-9814
Treasurer	530-7280
Utility Billing.....	530-7389
Wyoming Senior Center.....	530-3190
Wyoming Public Library.....	784-2007

Meetings

City Council Meeting | on the first and third Mondays of the month at 7 p.m. at City Hall in Council Chambers.

City Council Work Sessions | on the second Monday of the month at 7 p.m. at City Hall in Council Chambers.

Planning Commissions Meetings | on the third Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. at City Hall in Council Chambers.

Zoning Board Of Appeals | on the first and third Monday afternoons of the month at 1:30 p.m. at City Hall in Council Chambers.

Parks & Recreation Commission | on the second Wednesday of every month at 7 p.m. at City Hall in the West Conference Room

Wyoming City Council

Jack Poll, Mayor
 Sam Bolt, Mayor Pro tem,
 Council Member-at-Large
 Dan Burrill, Council Member-at-Large
 Kent Vanderwood, Council Member-at-Large
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 Richard K. Pastoor, 2nd Ward Council Member
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